

education program of the public universities in Chicago and is one of the top producers of education degrees in the state.

Dr. Hahs is the perfect choice to lead this fine school, as demonstrated by her career which has been devoted to post-secondary education. Prior to assuming the role of president, Dr. Hahs served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Director of Special Projects at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Dr. Hahs has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, beginning with a 10-year term as a member of the chemistry department at Metropolitan State College in Denver. She served as Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg from 1984 to 1994. She then became the first-ever Dean of the newly formed College of Arts and Sciences at SIUE, and served in that role from 1995 to 2000. On July 1, 2000, Dr. Hahs was appointed Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at SIUE.

A native of Washington, Indiana, Dr. Hahs earned a B.A. in chemistry from Illinois Wesleyan University, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from the University of New Mexico. She and her husband of 38 years have two daughters and a grandson.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the 5th Congressional District, I again wish to congratulate Dr. Sharon K. Hahs on her installation as President of Northeastern Illinois University. Her experiences as both a teacher and an administrator make her a valuable leader at Northeastern Illinois and for the State of Illinois. I wish her continued success as the President of NEIU and beyond.

CONGRATULATING MS. MAGGIE CARTER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Maggie Carter of Greenwood Village, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Ms. Carter to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, D.C.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Carter and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SETH KRAUSE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Krause, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 100, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Seth's Eagle Scout project was to arrange for the purchase and installation of a 25 foot flag pole outside the local community gymnasium. Over the years Seth has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Seth Krause for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2669, COLLEGE COST REDUCTION AND ACCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the conference report for the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (H.R. 2669) and congratulate Speaker PELOSI and Chairman MILLER on keeping a key promise of the new Democratic Majority—increasing access to higher education for all Americans.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act is the largest investment in higher education since the G.I. bill and at no new cost to the taxpayer. This legislation makes a common-sense choice by cutting excessive subsidies to lenders and investing those dollars in our students.

H.R. 2669 will make a real difference in the lives of students, families and new graduates. We know that too many students are making the choice to delay home ownership or marriage because of student loan debt. This bill cuts the interest rates on student loans in half and ensures that borrowers have manageable re-payment requirements. In real terms, over 7 million students will save \$4,400 over the life of their loans.

By increasing the purchasing power of the Pell Grant and expanding access to this critical resource, we will help to ensure that qualified students do not delay or refuse college based solely on ability to pay.

In addition, too many student interested in public service careers cannot pursue them because of the debt to salary ratio after graduation. With the passage of H.R. 2669, upfront tuition assistance is available for students who

commit to teachers in high-poverty school districts, and loan repayment will be available for military service members, first responders, nurses, early childhood educators and others.

Education is a top priority for the 110th Congress. It is an issue that is important to students, families and communities. It is also a critical part of ensuring our global competitiveness and economic stability. I urge my colleagues to support, and the President to sign, this critical bill.

INTRODUCTORY FLOOR STATEMENT FOR A BILL TO RATIFY A CONVEYANCE OF THE JICARILLA APACHE RESERVATION TO RIO ARriba COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION BETWEEN THE JICARILLA APACHE NATION AND RIO ARriba COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PATENT FOR SAID LANDS, AND TO CHANGE THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARY OF THE JICARILLA APACHE RESERVATION ACCORDINGLY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache reservation to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico. This legislation will bring resolution to a long-standing dispute between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County. In the 109th Congress, H.R. 4876, a nearly identical bill, passed the House under suspension of the rules.

The dispute, which has been ongoing for nearly two decades, is over the ownership of a road on a parcel of land formerly referred to as Theis Ranch. The Jicarilla Nation purchased Theis Ranch in 1985 and, in March 1988, the Nation subsequently conveyed a trust deed for Theis Ranch to the United States. The Theis Ranch property then, by proclamation of the Secretary of the Interior, became part of the Jicarilla Reservation in September 1988.

A lawsuit was filed in October 1987 and the District Court was asked to determine the ownership status of the disputed road. In the original lawsuit, Rio Arriba County sought to establish that the county acquired the disputed road by prescription and, therefore, the county was the road's rightful owner. However, the Jicarilla Nation contended that the Nation owned the road because the road was, and continues to be, within the boundaries of the expanded 1988 Jicarilla reservation. On December 10, 2001, the District Court found in favor of the Jicarilla and determined that the disputed road traversed the Jicarilla Reservation in several locations. Rio Arriba County appealed the December 2001 District Court decision; the appeal is currently pending before the Court of Appeals of the State of New Mexico. In a separate yet relevant matter, Rio Arriba County appealed a February 2003 decision by the Southwest Bureau of the United States Department of the Interior to acquire a